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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1898.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN OF STODDARD, APRIL 1, 1897.

Resident invoice,	\$119,495 00
Non-resident invoice,	49,956 00
Total,	<u>\$169,451 00</u>

Number of polls, 94.	
Number of horses, 162,	\$6,476 00
Number of oxen, 28,	1,172 00
Number of mules, 8,	160 00
Number of cows, 123,	2,946 00
Number of sheep, 309,	592 00
Number of neat stock, 42,	712 00
Rate per cent. on \$100,	1 62

The amount required to be raised, A. D. 1897, was as follows:

State tax,	\$485 00
County tax,	396 62
Town tax,	600 00
Highway tax,	600 00
School tax,	485 00
Schoolhouse tax,	50 00
Library tax,	29 10
Total,	<u>\$2,645 72</u>

ASSESSMENT AND TAXES.

Resident.	Assessment.	Tax.
Abbott, Ella E.,	\$1,098	\$17 79
Butler, Mary,	1,000	16 20
Brown, Rodney J.,	530	8 59
Barrett, Riley,	1,086	17 59
Barden, Lyman,	150	2 43
Ball, Frank O.,	190	3 08
Blanchard, Daniel,	670	10 85
Burns, Thomas J.,	136	2 20
Burtwell, James G.,	924	14 97
Butler, Louis A.,	1,468	23 78
Bentote, Ann,	124	2 01
Cunningham, Willis,	130	2 11
Congregational Society,	250	4 05
Cutter, James D.,	2,014	32 63
Cutter, Arthur E.,	336	5 44
Chapin, William H.,	852	13 80
Cutter, Charles X.,	330	5 35
Cutter, Frankie, Heirs of,	700	11 34
Cook, Walter F.,	418	6 77
Cheever, William L.,	260	4 21
Dodge, Edward B.,	600	9 72
Davis, Perley L.,	516	8 36
Davis, Fred W.,	120	1 94
Deets, George H.,	30	49
Everett, Nathan B.,	618	10 01
Farwell, William H.,	224	3 63
Griffiths, Benjamin H.,	1,484	24 04
Griffiths, Henry W.,	300	4 86
Gerry, Ira,	60	97
Holmes, Henry H.,	162	2 62
Holmes, Fred,	160	2 59
Hadley, Jonas,	800	12 96
Harrington, Cordelia,	636	10 30
Hastings, Thomas A.,	540	8 75
Hodgman, Paschal P.,	1,768	28 64
Holland, Robert,	678	12 44

Resident.	Assessment.	Tax.
Holland, John W.,	\$170	\$2 75
Holland, R. ^g & J. W.,	300	4 86
Hale, Pheroba A.,	1,080	17 50
Hodgman, Lorinda,	140	2 27
Hobbs, William A.,	750	12 15
Hastings, Abbie E.,	100	1 62
Hart, George H.,	896	14 51
Ingalls, Philadelphia P.,	450	7 29
Jefts, George R.,	524	8 49
Jefts, Lizzie M.,	20	32
Jefts, Mary L.,	60	97
Jefts, Charles P.,	1,292	20 93
Jefts, Benjamin F.	684	11 08
Kibling, Sarah,	50	81
Lane, George H.,	134	2 17
Lawley, George W.,	1,058	17 14
Lynch, Luke S.,	1,276	20 67
McClure, Hannah, Heirs of,	874	14 16
McClure, Cummings B.,	836	13 54
Mountford, Tennie E.,	28	45
McClure, Cyrus G.,	540	8 75
Miller, Adolphe,	160	2 59
Merrill, Charles H.,	2,054	33 25
Minard, Sarah E.,	266	4 31
Morse, Jane, Heirs of,	1,000	16 20
Messenger, Henry E.,	1,448	24 27
Mosher, Henry,	196	3 17
Mosher, H. & K.,	500	8 10
Merrill, Myra L.,	3,419	55 39
O'Neil, Christopher,	876	14 19
Pollard, Walter S.,	234	3 79
Peterboro' Savings Bank,	1,900	30 78
Pepper, Moses F.,	200	3 24
Pierce, Harriet,	320	5 18
Reed, Jonas P., Heirs of,	1,000	16 20
Reed, Julius W.,	130	2 11
Reed, George E.,	2,294	37 16

Resident.	Assessment.	Tax.
Reed, Joseph A.,	\$326	\$5 28
Reed, Frank J.,	3,514	56 93
Reed, Albert B.,	2,294	37 16
Reed, Ella M.,	70	1 13
Richardson, George,	896	14 52
Rice, Josiah M.,	2,250	36 45
Robb, Marinda M.,	138	2 24
Robb, William W.,	400	6 48
Robb, Mary,	300	4 86
Stevens, James H.,	1,266	20 51
Stacy, Ebenezer,	1,248	20 22
Stacy, Pamela,	912	14 77
Shedd, Willie E.,	1,964	31 82
Scott, John,	144	2 33
Symonds, James,	160	2 59
Symonds, Harriet,	300	4 86
Shoults, Henry,	1,150	18 63
Shoults, Frank L.,	270	4 37
Sweeney, Joseph,	666	10 79
Smith, Elias B.,	586	9 49
Spalding, Levi P.,	1,690	27 38
Spalding, Henry E.,	1,968	31 88
Smith, Erastus,	290	4 70
Santesson, Carl J. E.,	706	11 44
Swett, Daniel E.,	308	4 99
Spofford, Marcellus E.,	126	2 04
Stoddard Lumber Co.,	27,760	449 71
Smith, Charles W.,	5,974	96 78
Smith, David,	280	4 54
Sisemore, James,	130	2 11
Taylor, Oliver G.,	1,072	17 37
Thurston, Charles E.,	300	4 86
Thurston, Harriet,	150	2 43
Trask, Charles H.,	430	6 97
Tyrrel, Thomas, Heirs of	100	1 62
Upton, Daniel D.,	974	15 78
Upton, Edward E.,	700	11 34

Resident.	Assessment.	Tax.
Whittemore, Joel F.,	\$778	\$12 60
Whittemore, Francis A.,	556	9 01
Wilson, Henry,	2,656	43 03
Waldron, Homer J.,	300	4 86
Waldron, Harry J.	250	4 05
Wheater, Timothy,	400	6 48
Whittier, John H., Heirs of	500	8 10
Wallace, Charlotte and Sarah,	316	5 12

Non-Resident.	Assessment.	Tax.
Angleton, Patrick,	\$250	\$4 05
Burnap, James, Heirs of,	340	5 51
Burnap, Abbie S.,	280	4 54
Briggs, James F.,	100	1 62
Barrett, Lund,	1,036	16 78
Brockway, Hiram,	500	8 10
Boyd, James, Heirs of,	900	14 58
Bass, Eben,	400	6 48
Blanchard, Joseph A.,	150	2 43
Brown, Samuel O.,	30	49
Bailey, Mark M.,	50	81
Bass, Lewis G., Heirs of,	50	81
Bates, Charles A.,	100	1 62
Ball, Dexter,	100	1 62
Barker, George F.,	100	1 62
Bixby, Ephraim,	50	81
Butler, Mary,	50	81
Bousley, Fred,	30	49
Cheaney, Charles E.,	300	4 86
Cashion, Michael,	400	6 48
Carr, William R., Heirs of,	30	49
Conant, Luther,	650	10 53
Curtis, John W.,	350	5 67
Chapman, Joseph C.,	600	9 72
Comstock, Fred J.,	80	1 29
Comstock, George W.,	66	1 07
Carr, Nicholas, Heirs of,	700	11 34
Conn, Chester A.,	300	4 86

Non-Resident.	Assessment.	Tax.
Cummings, Hezekiah,	\$1,550	\$25 11
Cabot, Louis,	2,776	44 97
Cutter, Albert O.,	150	2 43
Collins, John,	100	1 62
Curtis, Hannah A.,	600	9 72
Curtis, Alma L.,	1,200	19 44
Davis, George F.,	50	81
Dunn, William W.,	200	3 24
Davis, Fred A.,	200	3 24
Davis, Frank E.,	100	1 62
Dodge, John G.,	100	1 62
Dodge, Perley H.,	130	2 11
Dodge, Richard T.,	44	71
Duprees, Joseph,	20	32
Dinsmore, John, Heirs of,	40	65
Elliott, Charles M.,	250	4 05
Friend, George C.,	400	6 48
Fairfield, Charles,	500	8 10
Fox, Perley E.,	600	9 72
Fox, Catherine,	100	1 62
Fox, Edward A.,	224	3 63
Fifield, Frank L.,	100	1 62
Faulkner, James M.,	500	8 10
Fletcher, Gilman P.,	430	6 98
Gee, E. B., Heirs of,	40	65
Gibson, Mary A.,	200	3 24
Green, Sidney A., Heirs of,	262	4 24
Goodel, Asa, Heirs of,	2,100	34 02
Giffin, Edward,	200	3 24
Holt, George W.,	24	39
Hastings, Thomas A.,	450	7 29
Hardy, Leon,	24	39
Harris, William H.,	226	3 66
Horton, A. M.,	300	4 86
Howard, James M.,	850	13 77
Harvey, Jonas,	400	6 48
Holt, Ralph J.,	350	5 67

Non-Resident.	Assessment.	Tax.
Hastings, William, Heirs of,	\$230	\$3 73
Hubbard, Susan,	350	5 67
Hardy, Hiram,	300	4 86
Holt, I. P.,	550	8 91
Hagar, A. P.,	500	8 10
Holt, Charles C.,	30	49
Johnson, Myron E.,	200	3 24
Joslin, Luke,	300	4 86
Jones, Cynthia,	70	1 13
King, Rice & Pond,	100	1 62
Knight, Sumner,	700	11 34
Kingsbury, Andrew J.,	250	4 05
Leach, George H.,	410	6 64
Loveland, I. A.,	100	1 62
Loker, Loring,	600	9 72
McAdams, Horace,	150	2 43
Morse, Edward,	500	8 10
Mason, George L.,	60	97
McIlvine, Benjamin, Heirs of,	50	81
Mansfield, George,	40	65
McIntire, George W.,	1,702	27 57
Nichols, D. N.,	150	2 43
Newell, John & Co., Heirs of,	20	32
Nims, Augustus F., Heirs of,	40	65
Nims, Charles,	150	2 43
Otis, Charles,	60	97
O'Neil, Christopher, Jr.,	40	65
Perham, Fred W.,	200	3 24
Peterboro' Savings Bank,	1,300	21 06
Perham, Joel,	650	10 53
Phelps, Freeman W.,	130	2 11
Perry, A. M.,	200	3 24
Perry Edward B.,	150	2 43
Proctor, Joel, Heirs of,	600	9 72
Pond, H. O.,	50	81
Prentiss, ———	50	81
Reed, Henry W.,	200	3 24

Non-Resident.	Assessment.	Tax.
Russell, Harrison, Heirs of,	\$350	\$5 67
Rugg, Daniel W.,	120	1 95
Ross, James L.,	200	3 24
Ross, James & Co.,	50	81
Robbins, Levi, Heirs of,	300	4 86
Scott, James H.,	300	4 86
Sheldon, C. M.,	130	2 11
Smith, Sherborn D.,	408	6 61
Swett, Daniel,	600	9 72
Symonds, Daniel,	50	81
Shea, Thomas W.,	100	1 62
Skinner, Azro B., Heirs of,	250	4 05
Spalding, Isaiah,	160	2 59
Smith, Jonas,	250	4 05
Smith, Cyrus & Calvin,	350	5 67
Symonds, Mark, Heirs of	800	12 96
Shepardson, George,	50	81
Stevens, Hannah, Heirs of,	50	81
Stevens, Charles S.,	680	11 02
Sharon, William E.,	476	7 71
Tarbox, Ursula,	400	6 48
Tarbell, Myra G.,	700	11 34
Towne, Cleon D.,	400	6 48
Taylor, Frederick, Heirs of,	150	2 43
Tyler, Putnam, Heirs of,	300	4 86
Taylor, Henry D.,	150	2 43
Towne, Orr N., Heirs of,	200	3 24
Temple, Melvin,	500	8 10
Tripp, Warren,	650	10 53
Taylor, John, Heirs of,	300	4 86
Thurston, James E.,	260	4 21
Wallace, J. F.,	40	65
Whittemore, Joshua, Heirs of,	800	12 96
Whitney, Nathan,	100	1 62
Whittier, Daniel V.,	250	4 05
Wright, John, Heirs of,	40	65
Weston, William,	448	7 26

Non-Resident.	Assessment.	Tax.
Wilson, Henry E.,	\$350	\$5 67
Wilson, James H.,	600	9 72
Williams, Andrew J.,	150	2 43
Wood, Henry,	540	8 75
Wilson, Frederick A.,	50	81
Walker, William,	600	9 72
Weeks, Emma F.,	60	97
Wellman, Israel P.,	150	2 43
Webster, Fred,	400	6 48
Wilson, Henry and Frank P.,	150	2 43

The following are assessed a poll tax only:

Abbott, Fred L.	McClure, Grosvenor.
Barnes, Albert.	McGuire, John.
Barrett, Martin H.	Messinger, Edson W.
Blanchard, Fred.	Murdock, Henry F.
Blanchard Will.	Mountford, John T. W.
Brown, Elmer E.	Pitcher, Arthur D.
Cutter, J. Walter.	Pond, Charles H.
Dodge, Harry W.	Reed, Frederick S.
DeMerritt, Edward.	Reed, James F.
Everett, Emory F.	Rollins, Henry.
Gero, Alec.	Rice, John.
Gabriel Fred.	Stevens, John G.
Hodgkiss, Arthur T.	Stevens, Alba L.
Hodgman, Wesley P.	Shoults, Charles E.
Hart, Merton E.	Shoults, Fred.
Hill, Albion F.	Taylor, Edward C.
Jennings, Fred.	Wilson, Harry.
Knight, Frank H.	Wilson, Arthur R.
Knowlton, Ruel B.	Waters, Ralph J.
Marsh, George F.	Wood, Eugene.
McDonald, Daniel.	Ward, Charles.
McDonald, Roy.	

RECEIPTS FOR 1897.

Cash in treasury, Feb. 15, 1897,	\$258 05
Received from County, for support of poor,	245 39
S. A. Carter, savings bank tax,	283 95
S. A. Carter, literary fund,	39 06
Town Clerk, dog license,	81 30
J. F. Whittemore, janitor, town hall,	20 00
H. F. Town, pedlar's license,	2 00
Walter S. Pollard, tax in 1895,	2 16
B. H. Griffiths, returned on sales,	4 00
C. J. E. Santesson, tax for 1896,	13 31
S. A. Carter, railroad tax,	75
Wesley P. Hodgman, taxes 1893, '94 and '95,	64 64
Wesley P. Hodgman, taxes 1896,	803 00
Wesley P. Hodgman, taxes 1897,	1,755 00
Wesley P. Hodgman, interest,	2 04
Total,	<hr/> \$3,574 65

DISBURSEMENTS.

INTEREST ON TOWN NOTES.

Paid Willie E. Shedd,	\$40 00
Mary J. Chapin,	8 00
Susan A. Hodgman,	4 00
Wesley P. Hodgman,	4 00
Paschal P. Hodgman,	8 00
Josiah M. Rice,	8 00
Total,	<hr/> \$72 00

LIBRARY.

Paid Julius W. Reed, library assessment,	\$29 10
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SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid J. M. Rice, treasurer, school money,	\$521 78
W. H. Spalter, school supplies,	28 67

Paid E. B. Smith, school supplies,	\$5 90
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	\$556 35
C. B. McClure, repairs of schoolhouse,	\$30 00

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid J. M. Rice, overseer of poor,	\$238 25
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DAMAGE ON HIGHWAY.

Paid H. C. Wilcox,	\$2 50
Elizabeth B. Reed, damage in 1896,	80 00
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Total,	\$82 50

BREAKING ROADS IN 1897.

Paid Henry E. Spalding,	\$20 25
Arthur E. Cutter,	3 00
Joel F. Whittemore,	2 25
Frank O. Ball,	4 35
A. F. Everett,	1 72
Henry Mosher,	2 70
Daniel Blanchard, 1896,	8 40
Charles X. Cutter,	2 40
Benjamin F. Jefts,	3 15
Charles P. Jefts,	90
J. T. W. Mountford,	1 28
Charles H. Merrill,	4 45
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	\$54 85

REPAIRING HIGHWAYS.

Paid Henry E. Spalding, highway agent,	\$151 36
Arthur E. Cutter, highway agent,	451 43
Walter S. Pollard, highway agent,	45 57
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Total,	\$648 36

By direction of the selectmen:

Paid James H. Stevens,	\$14 68
Daniel E. Swett,	4 19
Frank M. Pepper,	1 70
C. B. McClure,	9 37
George H. Lane,	5 50
E. B. Smith,	2 50
C. P. Jefts,	8 85
Lafayette Hale,	37
Walter S. Pollard,	1 93
Frank L. Shoults,	5 20
Christy O'Neil,	1 65
Henry E. Spalding,	6 30
George E. Reed,	4 00
Harry Wilson,	12 00
T. A. Hastings,	22 00
Chas. H. Merrill, bridge lumber and work,	47 20
Chas. X. Cutter,	2 50
Total,	<u>\$149 94</u>
Total amount expended on highway,	\$798 30

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid Solon A. Carter, state tax,	\$485 00
Jerome E. Wright, county tax,	396 62
	<u>\$881 62</u>

DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS, 1896.

Paid Hannah A. Curtis, outstanding order,	\$27 72
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BREAKING ROADS IN 1898.

Paid Marcellus E. Spofford,	\$2 13
Elias B. Smith,	2 25
Daniel Blanchard,	25 36
Joel F. Whittemore,	1 75

Paid B. F. Jefts,	\$4 31
George H. Lane,	1 09
Walter S. Pollard,	2 33
Chas. X. Cutter,	8 85
Henry E. Spalding,	22 38
Walter M. Jefts,	69
J. T. W. Mountford,	2 63
C. B. McClure,	2 00
Arthur E. Cutter,	13 01
Frank J. Reed,	7 38
Chas. H. Merrill,	5 00
C. P. Jefts,	3 25
Total,	<hr/> \$104 41

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid F. H. Howe, printing reports,	\$24 30
C. H. Hersey, retaining fee,	6 00
L. G. Hildreth, M. D., returning births and deaths,	1 00
Riley Barrett, wood for town hall,	3 00
Wesley P. Hodgman, cost and commission,	6 50
Smith & Littlefield, lumber for tool house,	12 91
W. H. Spalter, invoice book and stationery,	10 15
Morse Safe Co., safe,	100 00
B. & M. R. R., freight on safe,	4 19
Geo. F. Ball, insurance on town hall,	17 00
H. E. Spalding, keeping storm-stayed people,	1 50
J. F. Whittemore, recording vital statistics,	2 25
J. F. Whittemore, oil and supplies for town hall,	2 99
J. F. Whittemore, wood for town hall,	1 87
J. M. Rice, cash paid out,	3 61
Total,	<hr/> \$197 27

SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Frederick S. Reed, auditor, 1897,	\$1 50
C. B. McClure, supervisor in 1897,	2 00

Paid Lizzie M. Jefts, school board,	\$12 00
Elias B. Smith, school board,	10 00
Joel F. Whittemore, town clerk,	25 00
Joel F. Whittemore, janitor of town hall,	6 00
C. B. McClure, school board,	10 00
W. H. Chapin, treasurer,	20 00
Wesley P. Hodgman, collecting taxes 1896-97,	36 00
B. H. Griffiths and J. M. Rice, overseers of poor,	13 00
Charles P. Jefts, selectman,	47 00
Cummings B. McClure, selectman,	45 00
Josiah M. Rice, selectman,	32 00
Total,	<hr/> \$259 50

TAXES ABATED.

On book of 1894,	\$3 54
On book of 1895,	1 88
On book of 1896,	7 85
On book of 1897,	<hr/> 12 36

TOWN NOTES OUTSTANDING.

Mary J. Chapin, interest from Jan. 1, '98,	\$200 00
Josiah M. Rice, interest from Jan. 1, '98,	200 00
Willie E. Shedd, interest from Jan. 1, '98,	1000 00
Wesley P. Hodgman, interest from Jan. 1, '98,	100 00
Paschal P. Hodgman, interest from Jan. 1, '98,	200 00
Susan A. Hodgman, interest from Jan. 1, '98,	100 00
Total,	<hr/> \$1,800 00

RECAPITULATION.

SELECTMEN, DR.

To funds from all sources,	\$3,574 65
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SELECTMEN, CR.

Paid interest on town notes,	\$72 00
Library assessment,	29 10

Paid support of schools,	\$556 35
Repairs of schoolhouse,	30 00
Support of poor,	288 25
Repairs of highway,	798 30
Damage on highway,	82 50
Breaking roads in 1897,	54 85
Breaking roads in 1898,	104 41
State and county taxes,	881 62
Miscellaneous,	197 27
Services of town officers,	259 50
Outstanding order,	27 92
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	\$3,331 87
Amount in treasury,	242 78
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	\$3,574 65

ASSETS.

Due on collector's book for 1896,	\$14 94
Collector's book for 1897,	1,020 13
County for support of poor,	64 00
Levi Spalding, tax of '96, land in hands of town,	27 07
Heirs of Hannah McClure, land in hands of town,	15 03
Perley L. Davis, tax of '96, land in hands of town,	9 13
Chas. H. Trask, tax of '96, land in hands of town,	8 67
Costs and interest on all of the above (6 mos.),	6 15
Fred Bousley, tax of '95, land in hands of town,	1 91
Perley L. Davis, tax of '95, land in hands of town,	8 37
Wm. E. Sharon, tax of '95, land in hands of town,	8 47
Emma F. Weeks, tax of '95, land in hands of town,	7 65
Costs and interest on same, 1 year, 6 mos.,	6 46
Geo. H. Hart, pool table license,	5 00
Cash in treasury, Feb. 15, 1898,	242 78
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Total assets,	\$1,445 76

LIABILITIES.

Due on town notes,	\$1,800 00
C. H. Hersey,	6 00
School district, school money,	120 22
School district, for repairs,	20 00
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	\$1,946 22
Total liabilities,	\$1,946 22
Total assets,	1,445 76
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Net indebtedness,	\$500 46

Assets reported by the selectmen last year was incorrect. Upon a careful examination of the collector's books, the amount actually found to be due was \$954.51, an error of \$938.87.

Actual debt last year,	\$566 66
Debt Feb. 15, 1898,	500 46
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Reduction of debt,	\$66 20

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES P. JEFTS,
CUMMINGS B. McCLURE,
JOSIAH M. RICE,

Selectmen of Stoddard.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the selectmen, treasurer, overseer of the poor, treasurer of the school board and road agents, and find them correctly cast and safely vouched.

FREDERICK S. REED,
Auditor.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in hands of treasurer, Feb. 15, 1897,	\$258 05
Wesley P. Hodgman, taxes for 1893-4-5,	64 64
Wesley P. Hodgman, taxes for 1896,	803 00
Wesley P. Hodgman, taxes for 1897,	1,755 00
Wesley P. Hodgman, interest on taxes, 1897,	2 04
Dog license,	81 30
H. F. Towne, peddler's license,	2 00
Walter S. Pollard, tax 1895,	2 16
Carl J. E. Santesson, tax 1896,	13 31
Solon A. Carter, savings bank tax,	283 95
Solon A. Carter, literary fund,	93 06
Solon A. Carter, railroad tax,	75
County, support of poor,	245 39
B. H. Griffiths, overseer, returned on sales,	4 00
J. F. Whittemore, rent of town hall,	20 00
Total,	\$3,574 65

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid interest on town notes,	\$72 00
State tax,	485 00
County tax,	396 62
On town orders,	2,350 53
On outstanding order,	27 72
Total,	\$3,331 87
Total amount receipts,	\$3,574 65
Total amount disbursements,	3,331 87
Balance in hands of treasurer,	\$242 78

WM. H. CHAPIN,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF POOR.

STATEMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE TOWN OF STODDARD,

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1898.

Paid aid for Norman A. Howe, county charge,	\$135 75
Paid aid for Amanda M. Wells, county charge,	69 50
Paid aid for Clarence Bowen, county charge,	3 00
Paid aid for Albert Barnes, town charge,	11 50
Paid aid for 22 tramps, town charge,	16 50

\$236 25

County,
Town,

\$208 25

28 00

\$236 25

JOSIAH M. RICE,
Overseer.

REPORT OF ROAD AGENTS.

ARTHUR E. CUTTER, ROAD AGENT,

In account with the town of Stoddard, as road agent
from April 1, 1897, to Feb. 15, 1898.

To cash received of the town,	\$451 43
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By cash paid:

Geo. H. Lane,	\$3 00
C. B. McClure,	60
C. B. McClure, 100 feet bridge plank,	1 00
C. W. Thurston,	5 00
Sylvester Blake,	3 75
A. B. Reed,	2 26
Elmer Brown,	2 50
George G. Gould,	4 01
George H. Lane, repairs on road machine,	2 00
Arthur E. Cutter, rutting roads,	7 75
Arthur E. Cutter, machine work,	50 20
Goodwin & Hoyt,	6 16
Smith & Littlefield, 3,000 bridge plank,	30 00
George H. Lane,	7 50
Goodwin & Hoyt, dynamite,	3 16
J. F. Whittemore,	12 47
B. H. Griffiths,	1 38
Ralph J. Waters,	5 63
F. A. Whittemore,	7 18
Smith & Littlefield,	10 25
George H. Lane,	2 25
Elias B. Smith,	3 62
C. B. McClure,	11 67

C. W. Thurston,	\$15 00
William H. Chapin,	2 50
Daniel Blanchard,	25 26
James D. Cutter,	22 50
Christy O'Neil,	1 25
Arthur Cutter, machine work,	58 50
Arthur Cutter,	26 51
Charles X. Cutter,	15 00
Frank Shoults,	7 25
Arthur E. Cutter,	4 50
C. B. McClure,	3 00
James D. Cutter,	7 50
Charles Herrick,	1 25
Elton Scott,	2 10
J. Maurice Cutter,	3 75
J. Maurice Cutter, cutting brush,	5 00
Clement Jordan,	1 88
Arthur E. Cutter, machine work,	57 50
Arthur E. Cutter,	17 65
Ella Abbott,	3 00
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	\$464 24

A. E. CUTTER,
Road Agent.

W. S. POLLARD, ROAD AGENT, 1897-8.

Money received on town order,	\$45 19
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EXPENDITURES.

May,	\$6 15
June,	32 63
July,	6 42
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	\$45 20

Itemized account:

MAY, 1897.

W. S. Pollard, 41 hours,	\$6 15
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JUNE, 1897.

W. S. Pollard, 88 hours,	\$13 20
W. S. Pollard, boy, 33 hours,	2 05
C. P. Jefts, 25 hours,	3 12
Eugene Jefts, 25 hours,	3 12
C. P. Jefts, oxen, 25 hours,	3 12
C. P. Jefts, powder and fuse,	15
Mrs. Wm. Abbott, horses, 10 hours,	1 25
Henry Mosher, 24 hours,	3 00
Armory Everett, 19 hours,	2 37
Perley L. Davis, 10 hours,	1 25
	<hr/> \$32 63

JULY, 1897.

W. S. Pollard, 34½ hours,	\$5 17
Perley L. Davis, 10 hours,	1 25
	<hr/> \$6 42
	<hr/> \$45 20

W. S. POLLARD,
Road Agent.

HENRY E. SPALDING, ROAD AGENT.

Henry E. Spalding, 22 $\frac{2}{15}$ days at \$1.50 per day,	\$33 20
Henry E. Spalding, man and oxen, 20 $\frac{1}{12}$ days at \$3,	72 75
Henry E. Spalding, 1 man, 3½ days at \$1.25 per day,	4 39
Henry E. Spalding, 1 man, 6 $\frac{2}{5}$ days at \$1.00 per day,	6 40
Tom Burns, 2 days at \$1.25 per day,	2 50
Will Howe, 5½ days at \$1.25 per day,	6 51
Walter Jefts, 3 $\frac{3}{10}$ days at \$1.25 per day,	4 13
Perley Jefts, 4½ days at \$1.25 per day,	5 25
Frank B. Jefts, with oxen, at \$1.25 per day,	7 14
George R. Jefts, 1½ days at \$1.25 per day,	1 56
George Corey, 2 $\frac{2}{5}$ days at \$1.25 per day,	3 50
Mrs. Abbott, man and team,	2 15
Walter Pollard, 1½ days at \$1.25 per day,	1 88

Respectfully submitted, \$151 36

HENRY E. SPALDING,
Road Agent.

REPORT OF
Secretary and Treasurer of Library Trustees.

The report of the library trustees for the year ending March 1, 1898, is as follows: We have added to library by purchase, 45 vols., have received by donations, 1 vol. by Henry H. Hale, 3 vols. by Herbert E. Messinger, 2 vols. Histories of the 12th and 16th N. H. Regts. by the state, 1 vol. History of Stoddard, 1774 to 1854, by Mrs. Allen Giffin, 23 vols. with sundry pamphlets and magazines by Miss Susanna Hubbard, 1 vol. by Mr. C. B. McClure. Whole number of books in library 530, not including sundry files and magazines. We return many thanks for all donations received.

Cash on hand, March 20, 1897,	\$20 16
Received of treasurer,	29 10
Received, 10 catalogues, .05,	50
	<hr/> \$49 76
Paid DeWolf, Fisk & Co.,	\$34 61
J. M. Rice, librarian,	11 00
Freight, etc.,	56
	<hr/> \$46 17
Balance on hand,	<hr/> \$3 59

J. W. REED,
Secretary and Treasurer.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

*To the Parents and Citizens of the School District of
Stoddard :*

Close the doors of our schoolhouses from this time forth, and New Hampshire's chief product—the raising of men, intelligent men—would cease to be a product; and in point of thrift and intelligence, this state, barren and sterile as it is, would soon fall below all other sections of our country. New Hampshire is one of the states that furnishes our great country with so many enterprising and independent thinking men and women. If we do not have the educational advantages that larger places have, what school privileges we do possess are fully appreciated and utilized; and during our longer vacation, in the free air of our own Granite State, the minds and bodies of our scholars have time and leisure to grow and expand. What our children lack in educational advantages is more than made up in strong minds and vigorous bodies; and as they go forth to fight the battles of life they successfully cope with those of a larger culture. Therefore we are encouraged to go on, doing the best we can with the educational means at our command.

So long as human nature is such as it is and will be in spite of us, the wisest of school boards will sometimes fail in securing a first-class teacher. When it is apparent that the teacher lacks the ability to control your children (wherein you often fail, with your larger knowledge and experience), do you not often make unkind remarks, and thus hasten the teacher's downfall instead of helping her to keep on her feet? A teacher in this

town, and not very long ago, said to me: "I felt as if the parents were stepping on me." A gentleman inquired of a parent in a certain district: "What kind of a school have you?" The reply was: "Not a very good one; the teacher lacks government." Then he said: "Why don't you take hold and see if you can't help her?" Given a good moral character in a teacher, we think both parents' and pupils' characters would be more improved by bearing with the teacher for a few weeks and trying to help her than summarily disposing of her.

The associated school boards of the county, in their meetings at Keene, have drafted a course of study for the country schools. We hope it will soon prove practicable in our own town, as it will give our scholars something definite to work for. When the children realize that future promotion depends on work and success in their studies, most of them have ambition enough to put forth sufficient exertion to gain that end. The course covers ten years, so that a child beginning the course at six years of age would ordinarily graduate at sixteen.

It would be a help to our schools if more reference books could be added to our public library, and these could be made available for the pupils in our schools. Some teachers would gladly avail themselves of the means thus furnished for encouraging a wide range of study, especially in geography and history. The boys and girls of our schools would be encouraged to make more free and constant use of the library, and a broader spirit of investigation might be brought into the classes, and habits of study and research formed which would not be given up when schooldays are over. Let us do all we can to effect the closest possible ties between the public schools and the library.

As vertical penmanship now seems not to be a fad, but something which has come to stay, and as better results and more rapid progress are secured by this system, it will seem wise to change from the slant hand to the vertical in the near future.

As will be seen elsewhere, the cost for books and supplies this year is somewhat less than last year. It is, of course, desirable to keep the bills as small as may be consistent with the best good of the schools. We are sure, however, that our citizens would not wish any real need of the schools to remain unsupplied because to satisfy the need would cost a few dollars. It is better "to practice a liberality that never spares and an economy that never wastes." Some new text-books should displace the old ones another year. I would commend our scholars for the good care, as a general thing, that they have taken of the town's school-books. Some towns find fault with the careless use made of their free text-books. The new school song-books, which were bought the past year, have been an inspiration to teachers and pupils in two schools at least. The two or three days that are usually spent by our teachers in visiting schools and attending teachers' institutes are profitable days, which bring life and vigor to our schools.

As drawing is a means for the expression of ideas, and as it relates itself to almost everything which we may do, we hope drawing may soon form a part of the school curriculum. Is there one of us who has not at some time said: "I wish I knew how to draw?"

A detailed report of our schools is as follows:

SCHOOL No. 1 (CENTER).

The spring and fall terms of this school were taught by Miss Tryphena M. Butterfield of Antrim. Miss Butterfield's time out of school-hours for the most part was given to a thorough preparation of the subjects taught in school. The pupils made good progress. There was a very fine class of beginners in grammar. Facts of the spring term: Length of term, 10 weeks; scholars enrolled, 19; average attendance, 18; instances of tardiness, 1; visits by school board, 8; other visitors, 48; 17 studied geography, 19 arithmetic, 5 grammar, 5 history. Facts of the fall term: Length of school, 12 weeks; scholars enrolled, 21; average attendance, 20; instances of

tardiness, 4; visits by school board, 5; other visits, 36; 19 pupils attended to arithmetic, 15 geography, 15 grammar, 3 history.

SCHOOL No. 2 (WEST STODDARD).

This school of only three weeks was taught by Miss Anna M. Bartlett of Hamstead. She was educated at Mt. Holyoke Seminary, has taught sixteen years in Chicago, and has followed teaching right along. Her methods of teaching were so unsatisfactory to the majority of the parents and pupils of the district that it was thought best by the school board to request the resignation of the teacher. She accepted the situation with so much good grace and charity for all concerned that we almost felt we were conferring a favor instead of performing a disagreeable task. Different pupils registered, 9; average number, 9; instances of tardiness, 4; visits by school board, 6; other visitors, 6; 9 pupils attended to arithmetic, 7 to geography, 6 to grammar, 9 to physiology, 3 to bookkeeping, 1 to algebra. The fall school of two terms of eight weeks each was taught by Miss Carrie M. Butterfield of Antrim. Miss Butterfield is a graduate of Antrim High School. The pupils of this school covered a reasonable amount of ground, and evinced a good understanding of what was gone over. The writing books were noticeable for neatness and good penmanship. Good improvement was made in composition. Different pupils registered, 9; average attendance, 7; instances of tardiness, 5; visits by school board, 5; other visitors, 26; 9 pupils attended to arithmetic, 4 geography, 6 grammar, 3 history, 1 algebra, 2 geology, 2 philosophy.

SCHOOL No. 3 (SOUTH STODDARD).

The spring term of this school was under the charge of Miss Lena M. Bailey of Nelson. This was her first term of teaching. The scholars made good improvement. Miss Bailey is a teacher of fine character and good scholarship. Whole number of scholars, 19; average attendance, 19; instances of tardiness, 3; visits by school board,

4; other visitors, 56; 17 attended to arithmetic, 13 to geography, 4 to grammar, 4 to history, 15 to composition, 19 to physiology. This term was ten weeks in length. The services of Mrs. Emma Cutter Shoults were secured for the fall term. Mrs. Shoults this term eclipsed even her former good record as teacher of this school. For good government, "aptness to teach" and enthusiasm in her work she can hardly be excelled. This term was twelve weeks in length. Number of pupils enrolled, 17; average attendance, 16; instances of tardiness, 2; visits by school board, 8; other visitors, 80.

ROLL OF HONOR FOR THE YEAR.

Ella Smith, Lizzie Smith, Leon Shoults, Lucretia Abbott.

FOR ONE TERM.

Bertha Blanchard, Cora Smith, George A. Corey, Martile Butler, Iva Spofford, Grace M. Davis, Marguerite Butler, Earl Spofford, George E. Waters, Corinne Butler, Nellie Hobbs, Maude Hobbs, Annie Smith, Ethel Howe, Edna Messenger, Charlie Newell.

The enumeration cards, as filled out by the truant officer last April, give twenty-seven girls and twenty-five boys between the ages of five and sixteen years. We find the names of fifty-six pupils enrolled in our schools. Five scholars have been schooled in Sullivan the past year at an expense to the town of \$51. Mr. George E. Reed's girl has been schooled in Marlow, for which no bill has yet been received.

There have been thirty-three visits made by the school board and 252 visits made by others. There have been nineteen tardy marks and 208 absent marks. Three schools have been maintained in town, which have aggregated sixty-three weeks.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIAS B. SMITH,

LIZZIE M. JEFTS,

CUMMINGS B. McCLURE,

School Board of Stoddard.

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT.

DIVISION 1.

Paid Miss Tryphena M. Butterfield, teaching,	\$45 00
J. D. Cutter, board of teacher,	20 00
Arthur Jennings, sawing wood,	2 00
Tryphena M. Butterfield, teaching,	54 00
J. D. Cutter, board of teacher,	24 00
Riley Barrett, for wood,	3 00
Leon J. Cutter, janitor,	2 00
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	\$153 00

DIVISION 2.

Paid Miss A. M. Bartlett, teaching,	\$13 00
Walter M. Jefts, for wood,	3 00
Lizzie M. Jefts, cleaning schoolhouse,	1 00
Miss Carrie M. Butterfield, teaching,	32 00
Mrs. Paschal P. Hodgman, board,	16 00
Walter M. Jefts, for wood,	6 00
Miss Carrie M. Butterfield, teaching,	32 00
Mrs. Paschal P. Hodgman, board,	16 00
John A. Howe, janitor,	1 00
Mrs. Paschal P. Hodgman, board,	6 00
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	\$126 00

DIVISION 3.

Paid Mrs. Emma Shoults, teaching and board,	\$81 00
E. B. Smith, repairs, glass and janitor,	3 25
E. B. Smith, conveying scholars,	8 00

Paid Miss Lena Bailey, teaching,	\$40 00
A. F. Hill, boarding teacher,	4 00
M. E. Spofford, sawing wood,	1 25
Mrs. C. G. McClure, boarding teacher,	18 00
E. B. Smith, wood and repairs,	5 25
Elias B. Smith, repairs in No. 3,	3 15
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	\$163 90
Paid Geo. E. Reed, conveying scholars,	\$4 00
Town of Marlow, tuition,	5 60
C. X. Cutter, conveying scholars,	12 00
C. B. McClure, stove and repairs,	6 88
Town of Sullivan, tuition,	46 00
Daniel E. Swett, conveying scholars,	5 00
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	\$79 48
Total paid out,	\$522 38
Received from town treasurer,	521 78
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	\$0 60

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH M. RICE,
School Treasurer.

VITAL STATISTICS.

To the Selectmen:

In compliance with an act of the legislature passed June Session, 1887, requiring clerks of towns to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths for publication in the Annual Report, I hereby submit the following:

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STODDARD, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1897.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any).	Sex and Condition.			Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Par- ents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
		Male.	Female.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of child 1st, 2d, etc.	Color.							
May 13	James S.	M		L	7	W	W	Stoddard.	Hotel prop'r.	Canada.	Highgate, Vt.	36	34
Aug. 19	Wilson.	M		S	1	"	"	"	Farmer.	Kerridge, Eng.	Covington, Ky.	27	34

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STODDARD, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1897.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	* Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Feb. 27	Stoddard.	Raymond A. Dyer.	Stoddard.	19	W	Wood-worker	Cedar Rapids, Ia.	John A. Dyer. Eleanor.	Gloucester, Ms.		1st	J. M. Rice, J. P.,
May 19	Bennington.	Hattie M. Hall.	Haverhill, Ms.	19	"		Ipswich, Ms.	George W. Hall.		Shoemaker.	1st	Stoddard.
May 21	"	Albert L. Nichols.	Bradford.	24	"	Laborer.	Bradford.	Alice J. Nichols	Taunton, Ms.	Blacksmith.	1st	H. J. Burt, J. P.,
May 29	"	Susan R. White.	Stoddard.	21	"	Housekeeper.	Cavendish, Vt	Fanny Howard.	Gilsum.		2d	Bennington.
May 31	"	Oscar H. Holmes.	"	20	"	Laborer.		H. D. Holmes.	Stoddard.	Mechanic.	1st	H. J. Burt, J. P.,
June 1	"	Alice M. Howe.	"	25	"	Housework.		Alma Robbins.	Harrisville.		2d	Bennington.
June 5	Munsonville.	W. N. Van Brocklin	So. Stoddard.	34	"	Steam fitter.	New York.	Fanny Howard.	Taunton, Ms.	Blacksmith.	1st	Rev. H. C. Sawyer,
June 6	Stoddard.	Ella M. Stevens.	"	29	"	Housework.	So. Stoddard.	G. V. Brocklin.	Gilsum.	Farmer.	1st	Nelson.
June 18	Stoddard.	Robert M. McLead.	Stoddard.	28	"	Rougher.	England.	J. H. Stevens.	Jefferson Co N.Y.	Farmer.	1st	B. H. Griffiths J. P.
June 18	Antrim.	Clara E. Reed.	"	17	"		Stoddard.	Susan Cavaley.	Plattsburg, N.Y.	Farmer.	1st	Stoddard.
June 18	Antrim.	Arthur E. Cutter.	"	27	"	Teamster.	"	John McLead.	Edinburg, Scot.	Farmer.	1st	Rev. W. R. Cochrane
June 23	"	Helen A. Robb.	"	23	"	Dressmaker.	"	F. S. Fisher.	West Indies.	Farmer.	1st	Antrim.
								Abby E. Wells.	Stoddard.			
								James E. Reed.	Deering.			
								James D. Cutter.	Stoddard.			
								James D. Herrick.	Stoddard.			
								W. W. Robb.	Stoddard.			
								Clara E. Stacy.	"			

* Whether single or widowed. What marriage—whether 1st, 2d, etc.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STODDARD, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1897.

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex and Condition			Occupation.	Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.		Male.	Female.	Color.		Father.	Mother.		
May 3	Willie A. Abbott.	19	2	5	Stoddard.	M	F	W	Laborer.	Boston, Ms.	Milford.	Wm. L. Abbott.	Ella E. Osgood.
" 30	Sarah E. Kiblin.	62	2	11	"					Stoddard.		Henry Stevens.	Hannah Scott.
June 21	Ann W. Reed.	89	6	12	Washington.	M	F	"		Dover.	England.	Thomas Waldron.	Marg't Pallister.
Aug. 21	Henry W. Shoults.	2	6	6	So. Stoddard.	M	F	"	Wood turner.	Stoddard.	Nelson.	Frank L. Shoults.	Isadora Barrett.
Oct. 18	Eugene W. Robb.	26	4	6	Stoddard.	M		"		"	Stoddard.	W. Wallace Robb	Clara A. Stacy.

* Single, married or widowed.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.
JOEL F. WHITTEMORE, Town Clerk.

